

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

JANUARY 11, 2003

9:00 A.M.

Adjourned Regular Meetings of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Chula Vista were called to order at 9:10 a.m. in the Norman Park Senior Center, located at 270 F Street, Chula Vista, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Agency/Councilmembers: Davis, Rindone, Salas, and Mayor Padilla

ABSENT: Agency/Councilmembers: McCann

ALSO PRESENT: Agency Director/City Manager Rowlands, Assistant City Attorney Googins, and Deputy City Clerk Bennett

ACTION: Chair/Mayor Padilla moved to excuse Agency/Councilmember McCann's absence. Agency/Councilmember Davis seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ed Kravitz, representing San Diego Railroad Partners, asked that the Coronado Branch rail line on the bayfront properties be used to encourage tourism for the area, as well as for potential freight development. He also expressed his disappointment that his request for public records from the City Attorney's office had not been fulfilled.

MJ Claycomb spoke regarding wheelchair accessibility, stating that the poor condition of City sidewalks has resulted in damage to her wheelchair. She stated that she also has to avoid obstacles such as telephone poles and hydrants situated on the sidewalk. Ms. Claycomb suggested that smooth bike paths be constructed in the City to provide safer accessibility for wheelchairs, baby carriages, and cyclists.

BUSINESS

1. EVALUATE OPTIONS FOR CHULA VISTA'S MID-BAYFRONT

The workshop was the second in a series to give community members and interested organizations an opportunity to provide input regarding the future development of the mid-bayfront property, a 126-acre site located within the Bayfront Redevelopment Project Area. The site is generally north of Lagoon Drive (F Street), west of Bay Boulevard, and east of the Sweetwater National Wildlife Refuge.

Chula Vista Development Manager Salomone presented a brief summary of the project site, describing the original configuration and history of the property. Sam Gennawey of MIG Consultants facilitated the meeting, which included an evaluation of the City's criteria for the project and a review of observations taken from the meeting of December 7, 2002.

BUSINESS (Continued)

Mr. Gennawey then presented an overview and options for “Opportunity Areas” 1 through 6: the refuge edge; the bayfront edge; the northern transition zone; the southern transition zone; the bayview zone; and the seasonal wetland. Members of the public were asked to express their likes and concerns on the options as presented.

Sandy Duncan presented key findings from a survey conducted by the Environmental Health Coalition of over 300 Chula Vista residents. The survey indicated that 93% of those surveyed favored restored natural habitat as the proposed use for community space, and 48% favored an eco-tourism center as the proposed use for development space.

Chair/Mayor Padilla recessed the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:19 a.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Mr. Gennawey presented an overview and options for Opportunity Areas 7 through 11: the northern interior; the southern interior; the gateway; under the wires; and the freeway site. Members of the audience were then invited to comment on the options as presented.

Chair/Mayor Padilla thanked everyone for participating. No action was taken by the City Council or Redevelopment Agency.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair/Mayor Padilla adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the City Council and the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redevelopment Agency on January 14, 2003, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Lorraine Bennett, Deputy City Clerk